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Dear Ms. Ritchie:

DNS on Georgetown Steam Plant Tank Removal

Your comments on our Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) were referred to me as project coordinator. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Department of Ecology (DOE) staff in the regional office, with whom I have consulted from the beginning of this project. We are about to begin cleaning and removal of the large concrete tank. Other tank removals will follow. In answer to your specific questions, please see the attached materials as well as my comments below:

1. Sampling description and results are included in the attachment.
2. As an electric utility, we regularly test for PCBs in oil because our own and other utilities' experience has shown PCB contamination can be found in various types of oil. As you may be aware, City Light recently decontaminated a large quantity of fuel oil that had been stored at our Lake Union Steam Plant. We know that heavy fuel oil normally contains heavy metals and wanted to determine whether these were present in concentrations which would render materials dangerous wastes for disposal purposes. Testing for PCBs and these metals was also recommended to us by DOE and King County Health Department staff.
3. The Regional Office was notified when I began work on this project, and I sought their advice on sampling and cleanup. This contact is ongoing.

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4. Your comment is acknowledged. This step is included in our contract specifications. I have been working with King County Health Department staff and others regarding handling our excavation material.

Thank you for your comments. Please call me at 684-3568 if you have further questions.

Very truly yours,



Shirli Axelrod, Associate Environmental Analyst
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Attachment: Letter to L. Ashley